Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— We have.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up).

Minor Forest Produce.

Q.—24. Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount that the Forest Department is realising under the following heads :—

(i) by gaulnuts, (ii) by soapnut, (iii) soapnut (antuvala) ;

(*b*) the procedure that the Forest Department is following regarding sales so far as these minor produces are concerned ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these produces are sold by public auction;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that each district is made a unit regarding these sales (districtwar income figures itemwar may be furnished for the last two years) ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) As these items are not sold individually no details of receipt from each of the three items are available.

(*b*) The above three items along with other Minor Forest Produce is sold in public auction.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Itemwar figures are not maintained. Districtwar figures are furnished below :—

Name of the Forest Division.		*Revenue for 1953-54.* Rs.	a.	p.
Bangalore	...	14,617	5	0
Kolar	...	50,216	9	3
Tumkur	...	62,952	9	4
Mysore	...	22,929	2	0
Shimoga	...	5,989	11	9
Chikmagalur	...	5,525	12	0
Chitaldrug	...	76,700	1	2
Hassan	...	13,062	7	0
Bhadravathi	...	2,079	13	8
Sagar	...	19,500	3	6
Bellary	...	13,117	12	0
Total Rs.	...	2,86,691	6	8

Name of the Forest Division.		*Revenue for 1954-55.* Rs.	a.	p.
Bangalore	...	29,770	0	3
Kolar	...	83,828	3	6
Tumkur	...	64,359	6	9
Mysore	...	61,877	0	0
Shimoga	...	13,150	11	0
Chikmagalur	...	9,441	8	0
Chitaldrug	...	93,219	8	0
Hassan	...	25,788	12	0
Bhadravathi	..	3,916	11	4
Sagar	...	56,371	1	0
Bellary	...	20,522	6	9
Total Rs.	...	4,62,245	4	7

Medium term loans to Raiyats.

Q.—117. Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have asked the Reserve Bank of India for any financial assistance towards the medium term loans for distribution to the agriculturists through the Apex and District Banks ;

(*b*) if so, the amount that has been received by them from the Reserve Bank ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) and (*b*) This is under examination.

Water Rate in Visvesvaraya Canal Area.

Q.—174. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) since how long the landholders under V.C. area are paying uniform water rate irrespective of the nature of crop they raise ;

(*b*) whether there is any agitation on behalf of the landholders to change this system ; if so, since how long ;

(*c*) the action taken by them so far ?